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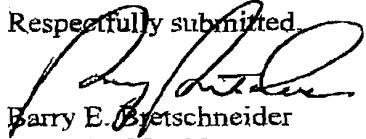
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Dear Examiner Saeed:

I have now heard back from the client regarding your proposal. We agree to delete "or system" in claim 6, as you requested. We also agree to take care of the "Poac derivative" issue in claim 9 by deleting the entire phrase "to produce the molecule or system with an unprotected Poac derivative" as redundant, as it merely states the inherent result of what is already claimed.

However, we cannot agree to change "method of labeling" to some other language. First, we do not understand why this language might be problematic. Second, the language we chose, "method of labeling," tracks the usage in this art, so it appears that the language is appropriate. We do not know what kind of language you would like to see. Please advise how you wish to proceed.

Respectfully submitted,


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